

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2015 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ
Vince Howell - Absent
Joey Herrera
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Dave Romero, City Attorney
Juan Montano, Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a moment of silence for the speedy recovery of Councilor Howell and for the health of everyone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Martinez asked that Item 1 *Award request for bid #2016-08 for Miox Salt for Water Treatment Plant* be removed from the agenda; there was only one bidder and large increase in the cost.

Councilor Herrera made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Tonita Gurule-Giron
Joey Herrera

Yes
Yes

David L. Romero
Vince Howell

Yes
Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Ortiz Jr. gave a brief report of the projects that are ongoing and their progress.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. discussed the old State Police building and the lease agreement and asked the governing body to approve the agreement.

Questions were asked if the City Attorney was involved during the process and why was the item not placed as an agenda item.

Councilor Gurule-Giron advised that with the critical nature of the item if the governing body would give a general consensus to move forward with the item then if the Mayor felt it needed to come back to the governing body for approval, he would then bring the item back.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITION/PROCLAMATION

None at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Bob Wessely spoke to the governing body regarding water storage projects and the protests that have been filed and a hearing has been set. Mr. Wessely encouraged the governing body to continue moving forward.

CITY MANAGER'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

Utilities Director Garcia gave a brief report regarding concerns about water treatment levels, he assured increased water testing was done and those tests came back clean. Public notice was made and will continue since monitoring continued into the month of September.

City Manager Martinez gave an update on the asbestos removal at Municipal Court and renovations being done by the Public Works Department. City Manager Martinez advised they are still looking into a more permanent location for Municipal court in the future. The Senior Center construction started on September 8th and currently staff and seniors are located at the Recreation Center. City Manager Martinez advised meals are being cooked at the Pecos site and served at the Recreation Center. City Manager Martinez advised the window project for the Housing Department has been ongoing and successful.

City Manager Martinez gave the governing body a report of overtime paid by department for events for the last fiscal year.

Finance Director Gallegos explained the report by department, event and total cost of overtimes for the last two fiscal years.

Questions were asked about the projected savings for fiscal year 2015 and how do departments plan to cut overtime without sacrificing public service and would the City be able to continue financing the overtime for events.

Discussion took place regarding ways the City can increase revenue to cover the overtime for events.

City Manager Martinez gave the governing body a report of claims made through the Self Insurers Fund. City Manager Martinez advised some were still open and pending.

Discussion took place regarding the complaints that are being received due to potholes in city streets.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. assured the public, repairs to the streets are being looked into.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Award request for bid #2016-09 for Zeamway line extension materials as a multiple source award to Baker Utility Supply, HD Supply Water Works and Ferguson Water Works.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the governing body the project will include installation of approximately 1200 feet of 6" water line along Zeamway to be able to provide water to each resident. Project Manager Gilvarry advised the department is asking to award to all bidders as prices are lower on different materials for each vendor.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

3. Award request for bid #2016-10 Clarifloc C-358 Polymer for the Water Treatment Plant to sole bidder Polydyne, Inc.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised Polymer is a coagulant aid which brings down turbidity of the raw water to prepare it for treatment and is required to ensure proper filtration of the water supply.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

4. Award request for bid #2106-11 for Natural Gas Inventory Supplies to low bidder.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the bid opening is scheduled for the following day and asked that the item not be placed on the consent agenda so there can be discussion at the following meeting.

5. Billing adjustment for United World College water account.

Project Manager Gilvarry advised the governing body that during the months of March and April two events occurred simultaneously: City staff misread and overcharged the United World College water account and the United World College staff overfilled their potable water storage tank. The amount of over-consumption from the customer has been calculated at approximately 1.5 gallons. As per Resolution #12-06 any credit amount over \$5,000 must be approved by the governing body.

Utilities Director Garcia advised he has met with the staff of the United World College to investigate the cause of the overcharge and what could be the reason. Utilities Director Garcia advised the misread of the meter was human error, the meter at the United World College is one that is still read manually and since been corrected.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

6. Recommendation to amend Agreement #3083-15 with MainStreet de Las Vegas to add the coordination and implementation of the Las Vegas Electric Light Parade.

Community Development Director Valdez advised MainStreet de Las Vegas is interested in taking on the planning and implementation of the annual Las Vegas Electric Light Parade to fulfill its requirements for a signature event. This would include generating participation from MainStreet Corridor businesses. The contractor would be compensated for the additional services in the amount of \$5,000.

Questions and discussion took place whether the event would be included in future negotiations and would the amount increase next year.

The governing body agreed to place the item as a consent agenda item.

7. Recommendations to amend Agreement #3085-15 with the Las Vegas/San Miguel Economic Development Department, Inc. (EDC) to add the establishment and management of a Business Incubator/Entrepreneurial Institute.

Community Development Director Valdez advised the EDC has been coordinating with New Mexico Highlands University and plans to establish the incubator in the currently vacant Hewett Hall. The EDC would be compensated for their additional services in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Questions and discussion took place reading the compensation and total amount of the contract and clarification of the amount stated in the contract.

The governing body agreed to not place the item as a consent agenda item as they were not provided the correct draft that stated the \$7,500 would be paid in quarterly installments.

More questions were asked about the amount being proposed in the contract and clarification and explanation.

Councilor Gurule-Giroń had questions about the Fire Departments overtime report which was substantially lower and asked if they operated on the same hour shift as the Police Department.

City Manager Martinez advised they are on a 24 shift schedule.

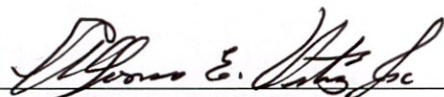
Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Ortiz Jr. asked for a roll call. Roll call was taken and reflected the following.

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Joey Herrera	Yes	Vince Howell	Absent

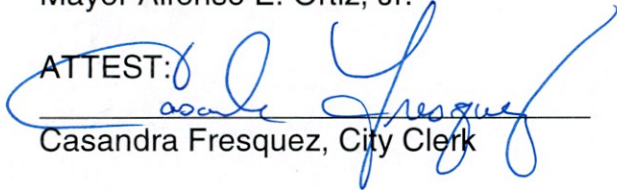
City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk